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SUBJECT: STR AMB DENT'S TOKYO VISIT JUNE 31-JULY 1

1. SUMMARY. AMB DENT CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY TOP LEVELS
OF GOJ AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY, BOTH GROUPS WELCOMING
REAFFIRMATION US DETERMINATION TO WORK FOR SUCCESSFUL MTN.
STR CORRECTED GOJ MISUNDERSTANDING OF US "EARLY HARVEST"
CONCEPT AND, WHILE GOJ REMAINS SKEPTICAL ABOUT FINDING
TRULY SELF-BALANCING TOPICS FOR IMPLEMENTATION PRIOR TO
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CONCLUSION OF MTN, GOJ PREPARED TAKE NEW LOOK AT PROPOSAL.

AGRICULTURE MINISTRY TOOK RATHER STIFF POSTURE ON BILATERAL AGRICULTURAL ISSUES OF PRIORITY CONCERN TO US (BUT CONFIRMED SMALL BEEF QUOTA FOR HOTELS REOPENED JUNE 27 AND HELD OUT VAGUE HOPE OF GRADUAL LIBERALIZATION OF SOME AGRICULTURAL QRS BUT CAUTIONED PACE WOULD BE SLOW).

2. STR DENT AND DEPUTY STR WALKER MET WITH DEPUTY PM FUKUDA, FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA, FINANCE MINISTER OHIRA, MITI MINISTER KOMOTO, MAF VICE MINISTER NAKANO AND THEIR RESPECTIVE STAFFS AS WELL AS WITH ABOUT 20 TOP JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS AT WORKING LEVEL LUNCH HOSTED BY KEIDANREN PRESIDENT DOKO. BREAKFAST MEETIN WITH ABOUT 50 MEMBERS OF ACCJ AND AMBASSADOR HODGSON'S RECEPTION OF GOJ AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY PLUS PRESS CONFERENCE AT AMERICAN CENTER ROUNDED OUT VERY FULL SCHEDULE WITH MAXIMUM EXPOSURE OF STR.

3. MEETINGS OFFERED TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE US-JAPANESE PERCEPTIONS OF TRADE POLICY AND PROSPECTS FOR MTN. IN CALLS ON MINSTERS, STR STRESSED (A) US DEDICATION TO PRESERVATION OF OPEN ECONOMIC AND TRADING SYSTEM, (B) NEED TO PERFECT THAT SYSTEM DURING MTN, AND (C) NEED TO ENSURE THAT LIBERALIZATION OF AGRI-CULTURAL TRADE IS ALSO ACHIEVED IN MTN. STR NOTED CONSIDERABLE PESSIMISM IN EUROPE ABOUT NEAR-TERM OUTLOOK FOR RECOVERY OF THEIR ECONOMIES AND INDICATED THIS SITUATION PLUS US UNEMPLOYMENT MEANT CONDITIONS NOT RPT NOT PROPOITIOUS FOR COMPLETION OF MTN BEFORE END 1976 OR PERHAPS EARLY 77. STR SAID IT INCUMBENT ON ALL KEY COUNTRIES TO RESIST PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES AND SUGGESTED EVIDENCE THAT MTN IS ACTUALLY MAKING PROGRESS COULD BE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO STEMMING SUCH PRESSURE. STR OUTLINED IN THIS CONTEXT IDEA OF HAVING JULY 15 TNC INSTRUCT MTN WORKING GROUPS TO IDENTIFY BY SAY NOV 75 MATTERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS THAT APPEAR TO BE RELATIVELY NEUTRAL AND THEREFORE RELATIVELY MORE PROMISING FOR EARLY AGREEMENT; TNC IN NOV COULD THEN INSTRUCT WGS TO PROCEED ASAP TO FINALIZE SUCH AGREEMENTS, MAKING CLEAR US DID NOT RPT NOT ENVISAGE ISNGLE "MINI-PACKAGE" BUT POSSIBLY SERIES OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NOV/DEC 75 AND EARLY MINTHS OF 76. IN RESPONSE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUERIES, STR SAID US HAD NO SPECIFIC TOPICS TO PUT FORWARD AT THIS TIME FOR EARLY AGREEMENT AND BELIEVED SELECTION SHOULD BE PRODUCT OF MULTILATERAL DISCUSSION. STR ALSO CONFIRMED FULL RANGE OF MTN ACTIVITIES SHOULD PROCEED DURING THIS PERIOD TO SET STAGE FOR FINAL BARGAINING AT CLIMAX OF MTN BUT IN INTEREST OF MAKING CONCRETE PROGRESS WHEREVER POSSIBLE, MTN SHOULD "PLUCK THE FRUIT THAT IS RIPE FOR EARLY HARVEST". STR INFORMED JAPANESE EC

COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THIS APPROACH.

4. IT WAS EVIDENT GOJ HAD NOT PROPERLY GRASPED US INTENTIONS PRIOR TO STR VISIT, HAVING ASSUMED US WAS AIMING FOR MINI-PACKAGE BY END OF 75. THEY REVIEWED THEIR MISGIVING ABOUT MINI-PACAGE AND, WHILE SKEPTICAL ABOUT PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY OF FINDING TOPIC OR TOPICS ALL WOULD AGREE ARE INTERNALLY SELF-BALANCING, PROMISED TO TAKE ANOTHER CLOSE LOOK AT US SUGGESTION IN PREPARING GOJ POSITION FOR JULY 15 TNC.

5. OTHER MATTERS TOUCHED ON IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS:

A. SAFEGUARDS. MITI STRESSED GOJ OPPOSITION TO DISCRIMINATORY APPLICATION OF ANY NEW SAFEGUARD MECHANISM AND STRONGLY PREFERRED KEEP ARTICLE XIX INTACT.

B. ACCESS TO SUPPLIES. GOJ MINISTERS WELCOMED US EFFORTS TO BRING THIS VITAL ISSUE INTO MTN.

C. STATE OF TENNESSEE TAX ON ENRICHED URANIUM IN STORAGE. STR TOLD MITI ADMINISTRATION MAKING BEST EFFORT TO RESOLVE PROBLEM.

D. BILATERAL US-JAPAN TEXTILE AGREEMENT (FILAMENT YARN). STR ASSURED MITI HE WOULD PROMPTLY LOOK INTO STATUS OF US PREPARATIONS FOR BILATERAL REVIEW NEEDED BEFORE SEPT.

E. AGRICULTURE. IN MEETING WITH VICE MINISTER NAKANO AND STAFF, STR REFERRED TO SEC BUTZ LETTER TO MINISTER ABE AND HOPED LATTER'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASH WOULD BE OCCASION FOR IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUES CITED THEREIN. (SEPTTEL BEING PREPARED ON NAKANO'S DEFENSIVE REPLIES ON THESE MATTERS.)

5. FOREGOING PREPARED AFTER STR DEPARTURE.
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